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Mock crash demonstrates DWI tragedy

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With blood, beer and painful screaming, a mock DWI crash at the corner of Laura and Seventh streets brought to life the realities of driving drunk Wednesday.

The scenario was that four high school girls went out after a track meet to celebrate. Three of them decided to do so while consuming alcohol. The celebration took a fatal turn when Maryville senior Emily Townsend took the wheel.

With a blood alcohol content of .088, Emily failed to stop at a stop sign, hitting a truck containing three high school boys. Amid the confusion of the accident, two people died. One was Emily's best friend.

"It was really interesting to be a part of it and send a message showing kids what it's like," Townsend said. "I also think having me, with a familiar face, made it hit home more for them."

Police and paramedics rushed to the scene, enacting professional procedures and excavating the boys from the truck. Everyone involved received injuries except for Emily. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to jail.

Following the mock crash, state trooper Mike Quilty demonstrated the importance of wearing seat belts. He used a rollover simulator that looked like a truck, to portray how easily vehicles can roll and throw people out.

A special program was presented from participating agencies in the Maryville High School gymnasium. Speakers included Sgt. Jim McDonald from the Missouri State Highway Patrol, County Coroner Tom Scarbrough, associate circuit judge Glen Dietrich and Kay and Wayne Ezzel, who lost a daughter in a drunk-driving accident near St. Joseph in 1999.

As the students filed into the gym, a PowerPoint presentation set to music showed pictures of the crash victims accompanied by articles and obituaries as they would appear in a newspaper.

McDonald talked about the day's events and what the students should learn from the docu-drama.

"Stop and think of what you've seen here today," McDonald said. "Stop and ask for a ride."

McDonald also explained to students the importance of safety belts and how wearing them can be the factor that saves lives.

Scarborough talked about his duties as county coroner at the scene of a fatal accident. Scarborough said one of the hardest parts of his job is notifying the family of the death.

Dietrich spoke about the court cases he sees involving minor-in-possession, driving-while-intoxicated and



Emily Townsend reacts in horror after the car she was driving struck another vehicle and killed her friend, Lena Kirk, who went through the front windshield. The mock crash was simulated to teach students from Maryville High School and West Nodaway about the real-life issues and consequences of driving drunk.

different alcohol-related incidents such as assaults and property damage.

Dietrich said the brain can not function when intoxicated with alcohol.

"You can't think when you drink," Dietrich said. "You don't know when to say when. Using alcohol and drugs isn't cool. It isn't glamorous. It wastes dollars, resources, and it wastes lives."

The Ezzels told the students about their daughter who died in an alcohol-related car accident in 1999. Complete with pictures, Kay painted a picture of the conditions and suffering her daughter and son-in-law endured after being hit by a drunk driver.

The man who caused the accident had a blood alcohol content of .278 and was driving his vehicle without his headlights turned on.

"I am here because I love you all and I mean that," Wayne said. "I want you around to graduate, to go to college, and to be whatever you want to be. Don't choose to drink and don't choose to drink and drive."

A Lifesaver with an attached message, "Be a lifesaver — Don't drink and drive!" was presented at the end of the presentation.

Other participating groups included St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, Nodaway County Ambulance District, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Maryville Public Safety, Community 2000, Rescue Unit 136, Price Funeral Home, LifeNet Air Medical Transport, My Three Sons Auto Service, Nodaway County Sheriff's Department, Dr. Susan Watson, Maryville High School TRENDS Spirit, Nodaway County High Schools, Maryville D.A.R.E., Walker's Body Shop, Nodaway County D.A.R.E. and Boyles Motors.

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Reno Long takes part in the mock crash for the freshmen of Maryville High School Wednesday at North Laura and Seventh streets. The simulation was part of Alcohol Awareness Month and presented by D.A.R.E. programs in the surrounding area.

Large class to graduate

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A larger than normal graduating class of 514 seniors will join the real world after going through this year's spring commencement ceremony.

Graduation will take place at 10:30 a.m. April 28 at Bearcat Arena.

Students will be able to pick up their caps and gowns from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center.

The ceremony will include all three colleges as well as students receiving their master's and specialist's degrees.

The commencement will include a speech from Governor Bob Holden.

Each student will get to walk across the stage at graduation and have their name read off of a card, said Gina Bradley, commencement coordinator. Graduating students will receive the covers of their diploma at the ceremony. Students will receive their actual diploma after the grades are reviewed and checked.

Each student is allowed to invite four people to the graduation ceremony. This is due to the limited seating in Bearcat Arena.

Following the commencement, there will be a reception on the lawn of the Fine Arts building. Cap and gown return will take place in the basement of Lamkin.

Many students are excited about the graduation ceremony including senior public relations major Jennifer Bonnet.

"The best thing about graduating is the fact that I finally got it done," Bonnet said. "It's something I've always wanted to do and it's nice to realize that it's finally happening."

Senior accounting major Rachel Williams is also glad to be graduating.

"I feel happy that I actually did it," Williams said. "The most exciting thing about graduating is that it shows that all of your hard work and efforts have paid off."

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Board interviews candidates for seat

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Final interviews for a one-year term on the Maryville R-II School Board took place at Wednesday's Board meeting. The Board also recognized the Community Teachers Association \$500 Laura B. Hawkins Scholarship award winner.

Under consideration for the open seat are candidates: Betty Ann Dean, John Redden, Larry G. Rusco, and RJ "Bobby" Thompson. Each were asked three questions by Board members concerning goals of the Board, why they want to serve on the Board and what they felt the responsibilities of a Board member consist of.

The winner is decided by majority vote amongst current Board members. An appointment is expected on the May 16 regular Board meeting.

Gaining attention in the scholarship arena was Maryville senior Karen George. She won the Laura B. Hawkins Scholarship available to female students who plan to enroll in college as an education major. The \$500 scholarship was announced by CTA member Janet Jelavich.

"The scholarship came out of teachers' dues," Jelavich said. "Only Maryville students could apply."

Jelavich said the selection process included an application and evaluations on grade point average and activities.

A new president of the Board was selected at the April 4 special meeting when new Board members Mark Jelavich and David Boyles were installed.

Maria Burnsides directed her first regular session meeting Wednesday. Rego Jones, former Board president, said the position has no term limit but each member traditionally limits themselves to a one-year term as president.

"After you have been in for a couple years you're fair game," Jones said.

Students missed 10 days of school this year because of weather. School Superintendent Gary Bell said he is waiting for House Bill 274 to pass to insure that students can be dismissed for the year on May 25. Bell said if Bill 274 does not pass, students will be dismissed May 31.

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City takes part in cleanup effort

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Thursday is the last day for Maryville residents to take advantage of the city-wide cleanup that has taken place throughout the week.

The city schedules the event as a helpful service to Maryville, said Matt Chesnut, interim city manager.

"We pick up items so that they don't clutter up people's houses," Chesnut said. "It's something we can do for the taxpayers of the city."

City crews are picking up landfill and compost items that are not normally picked up by local trash haulers, such as tree limbs and lawn and garden waste. Tree limbs should be cut into four-foot lengths and tied into bundles, and grass and leaves should

"We pick up items so that they don't clutter up people's houses."

MATT CHESNUT
INTERIM CITY MANAGER

be bagged. The crew also will pick up furniture and other household items.

The crew will not pick up household trash, construction and demolition waste, tires, lead acid batteries, paint cans, iron products and home appliances such as refrigerators and microwaves.

The items collected are taken to the transfer station and then to the

landfill.

The city is divided into quadrants and each is given a day to have items picked up. Pick up started at 8 a.m. April 16 and will continue through today.

The city provides this service every fall and spring. Chesnut said about 70 tons of materials were collected in the fall and 18 tons were collected Monday.

Maryville resident Jeremy Wohlford said he left items for the crew to take.

"I had some old stuff in the basement that haulers don't usually take," Wohlford said. "It's a good service, because people can get rid of things for free instead of paying for it."

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Graduate office employee to retire from Northwest after serving 23 years

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

One graduate office employee will be saying goodbye to Northwest and to the career she loves after almost two decades of service.

As she approaches the end of her 23rd year of employment in the Northwest graduate office, graduate records supervisor and office manager Myrna Read will retire.

With her retirement comes a big transition, Graduate Dean Frances Shipley said.

"Because Myrna has been here so many years, she really has served as the 'memory' of the graduate office," Shipley said. "When I first came here, she was our only link to office policies and procedures. Her knowledge was invaluable, as far as I was concerned."

Read began working in the office in July 1978, drawn to Maryville and Northwest when her husband began working under Jim Redd as an instructor and assistant football coach.

Although Read knew nothing about the workings of the young graduate program when she first began working at Northwest, she followed the guidance of graduate dean Leon Miller, the registrar's office and graduate advisers to adjust to her position.

That's not to say time has not brought its own set of challenges to her position.

The Administration Building, housing the graduate office, caught fire in July 1979, Read's second year with the University. Although none of the all-paper records were ruined, the office suffered water and smoke damage, Read said.

The office has moved for remodeling two times, been under the guidance of a number of interim and part-time deans, gained a team of three additional employees and faced the challenge of computerization.

"Becoming a computerized campus was a really big change," Read said. "It took some training sessions and some time to change over. It's so different now than what it used to be."

I wouldn't go back to the old ways though."

Read's adaptability is part of her charm, Shipley said.

"She's a very outgoing, warm personality," Shipley said. "She's definitely a helping personality as far as our office team and as far as students are concerned."

Read's position requires her to be willing and ready to help both students and fellow office workers.

"Basically, I supervise the basic day-to-day operation of the graduate office," Read said. "We've always operated on a team concept here, and I have a wonderful team to work with."

Read works in conjunction with Shipley on the graduate assistant program, and she works with students finalizing degrees or taking comps.

She also takes notes at Graduate Council meetings, works with the Faculty Research Committee and supervises the maintenance of graduate records.

"Whoever follows Myrna is going to

have big shoes to fill," Shipley said. "Her position requires close attention to detail and accuracy and good student relations as well."

Read's dedication to family time was a big motivation in her decision to leave her desk behind. She looks forward to spending more time with her three children and 13 grandchildren, among other plans.

"She is able to set her priorities," Shipley said. "Family has always been a priority with her."

Read looks forward to spending time with her family but knows her exit from the job will be no easier than the entrance.

"I love my job," Read said. "I've had wonderful people to work for. It was a tough decision to make, and I didn't make it lightly. I just thought it was time to go. It's a great place to work, and I say that from the bottom of my heart. I just want to close some doors and open some new ones."

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PHOTO BY AMANDA SANDERSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Myrna Read works diligently on forms for graduate students. Read is retiring Sept. 1 from her job as graduate office manager/records supervisor after 23 years. She plans to spend time with her family.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

- Distance Learning Week
- IM track meet, 4 p.m.
- Home School Potluck, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church
- University Student's Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Java City
- MOMFIT, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
- Troop 75 Adult Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church
- Women's Bible Study, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church

MONDAY

- Final Exams
- StuCo Meeting, 7:45 a.m., Middle School
- Breast Cancer Support Group, noon, First Christian Church
- Boy Scouts Meeting, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church
- Holt County 4-H Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center, Oregon
- Troop 74 Boy Scout Meeting, 7 p.m., First Christian Church

FRIDAY

- Distance Learning Week
- Celebration Spring Show, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
- Spring Pottery Sale, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Fine Arts building basement
- Second block ends
- Classwork ends
- Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m., First Baptist Church
- All Church Trivia Night, 7:30 p.m., United Methodist Church

TUESDAY

- Final Exams

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SATURDAY

- Distance Learning Week
- PRAXIS test, 8 p.m., Golden Hall
- Spring Pottery Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fine Arts building basement
- Parents Night Out, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church
- Junior High Youth Dance, 7 p.m., Wesley Center

WEDNESDAY

- Final Exams
- Student payday
- Administrative Professionals' Day
- Liberation Day (Italy)
- Atchison County 4-H Ceramics Workshop, 4 p.m., Community Building, Fairfax
- Seventh and eighth grade bible study, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church
- Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church
- High School Bible Study, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church

SUNDAY

- Earth Day
- Tower Choir and University Chorale Concert, 3 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
- Benefit Breakfast for Keaton Dodd, 7 a.m., Maryville High School, Cafeteria

And the winner is ...

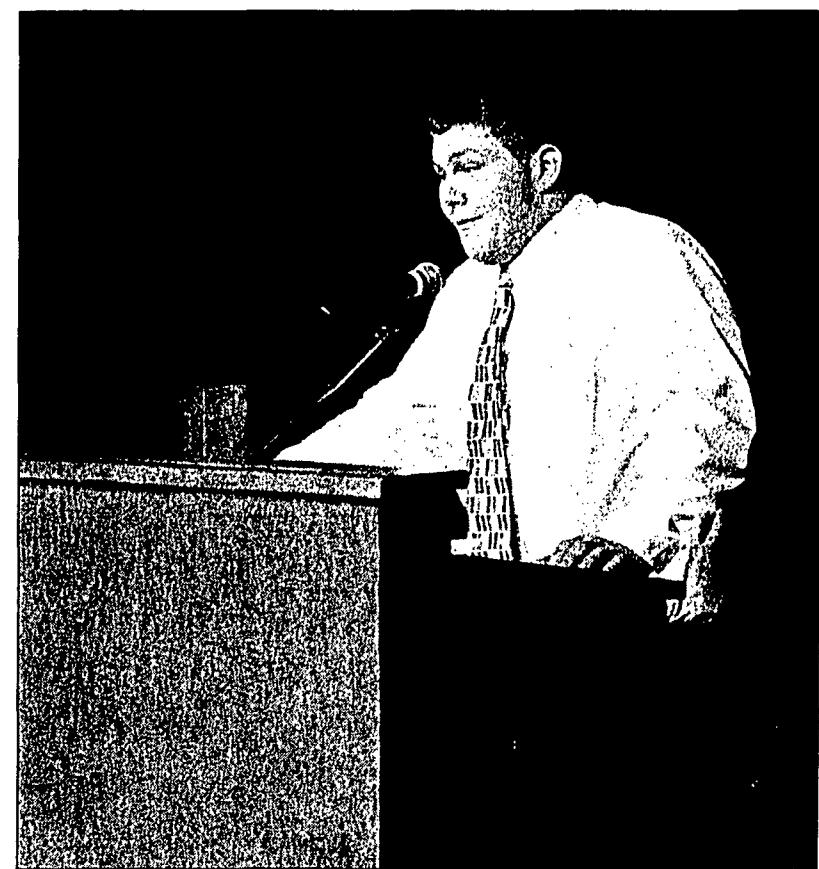


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Marty Wolff accepts his award for Best Actor in the film "Proving Grounds" during the Vinci Awards Monday evening at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The annual event recognizes the achievements of broadcasting students.

UNIVERSITY

Celebration to perform last show of the season

The Celebration spring concert will be at 8 p.m. Friday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The 90-minute show will have 11 musical numbers written and arranged by Northwest students and alumni performed by 28 students.

The concert is free but tickets need to be picked up at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building.

Art students to play host to annual pottery show

The semiannual Art Club's Pottery Show and Sale will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the basement of the Fine Arts building.

There will be hundreds of pots,

dishes, bowls, mugs, vases and jugs available to buy that were created by Northwest students.

The Art Club receives 15 percent of the money and the rest goes toward reimbursing the artists for the materials used throughout the semester.

COMMUNITY

Students recognized for projects at Access 2000

Teams of students, residents and school sponsors met to recognize successful projects at the "Building Communities with Character" follow-up session April 5, sponsored by Access 2000 and Assets in Motion.

Projects came from the Nov. 2 workshop which emphasized character education, leadership and as-

set development. Students teamed with a school sponsor and community volunteer to evaluate their communities and identify issues they would like to see addressed.

Teams then began to develop action plans for projects which they took back to their communities for implementation.

Access 2000 and Assets in Motion partnered to sponsor the workshop for seventh and eighth grade students in Andrew, Atchison, Clinton, Dekalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties.

Students win at Optimist Club Oratorical Contest

Two area students represented the Maryville Optimist Club at the Regional Optimist Oratorical Contest in Gladstone March 24.

Sarah Welch and Ryan Davis both won their junior high school

contest, the county contest and the zone contest.

Welch and Davis wrote speeches on the topic, "We are the Future." The Optimist International promotes the contest with a separate contest for girls and boys.

The winners at the district contest can receive \$1,500 scholarships.

Welch, daughter of Cleo and Terri Welch, an eighth-grader at St. Gregory's, won second place.

Davis, son of Kurt and Sandy Davis, a seventh-grader at Northeast Nodaway, won first place and will compete in the district contest April 28 in Jefferson City.

at assigned correctional institutions from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

Four passenger, light truck or farm tractor tires may be dropped off.

Correctional institutions in Maryville and St. Joseph are participating.

The tires collected will be transported to Central Missouri Correctional Center where they will be shredded into rubber tire chips.

This recycles waste and prevents potential tire fires at the dump sites.

The chipped tires will be delivered to the University of Missouri-Columbia where they will be mixed with coal to power the University power plant.

The Department of Corrections has operated a nationally recognized tire recycling program in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources since 1995.

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45-510-07, 3 hours, 2nd session, MTWTH, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Climbing Wall

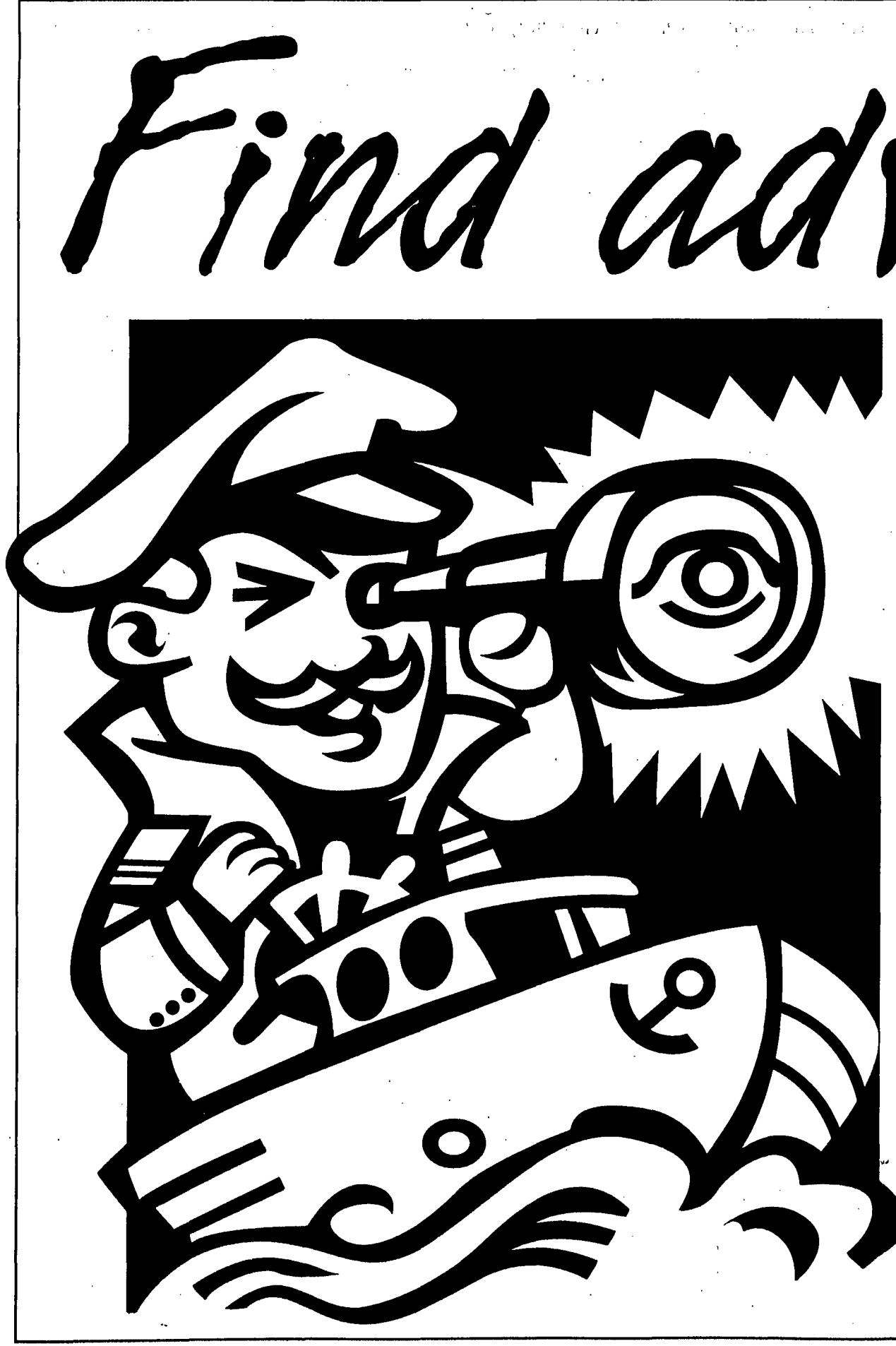
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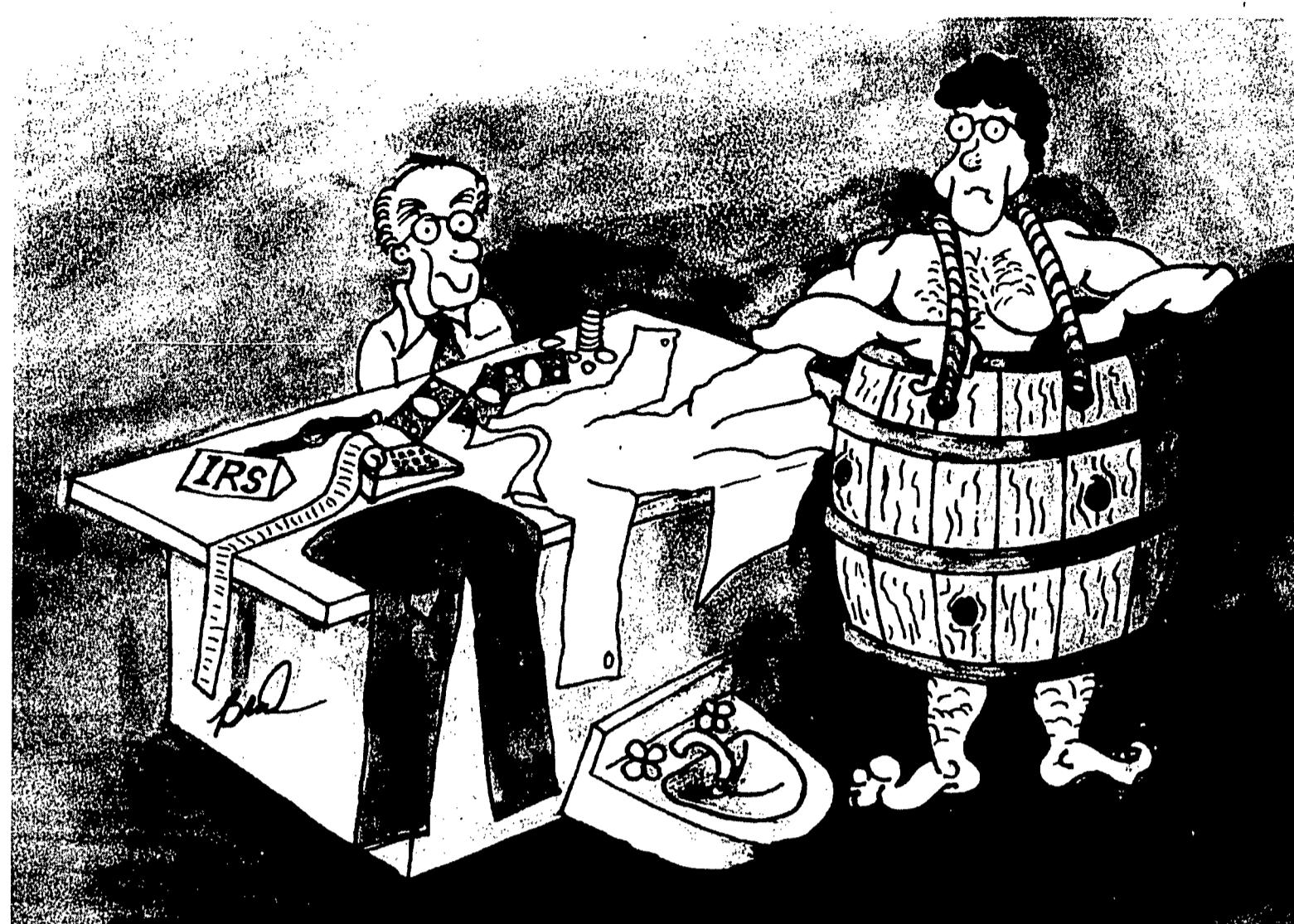
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45-510-05, 3 hours, 1st session, ARR-ARR
45-510-09, 3 hours, 4th session, ARR-ARR

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MY VIEW

Holiday time restraints bring mishaps, frustrations



TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

The Easter holiday hops along at the time of year when it seems so many things are happening all at once. It's that hectic space between Spring Break and final exams when the average Northwest student, including me, is in the midst of last-minute papers, projects and tests. I was looking forward to traveling home and spending the Easter holiday away from the mounting stress.

I was mortified that Easter break only consisted of one weekend and I would have to be back, ready for classes Monday, and drive-time was a big factor. I live in Norfolk, Neb., which is about a four or five hour drive, depending on road conditions, with tractors and other farm machinery causing delays and the occasional roadkill I have to dodge.

When I finally made it home after classes Friday, I was so tired from driving and my hectic week in classes that all I felt like doing was going to sleep.

On Saturday I found it extremely difficult to spend time with both sides of my family, both sides of my boyfriend's family and friends who all wanted to share the Easter holiday with me. I do not get to travel home often, so I was anxious to see loved ones.

On Sunday I attended church services and a baptism, and snarfed down a plate of Easter goodies with my

boyfriend's family. Then it was back on the road to Northwest for another week.

Along with the hectic family and travel-time situation, I also managed to lock my keys inside my car. Thank goodness my older sister was generous enough to let me drive her 1999 electric blue Ford Ranger, known to my family as 'Lil Blue Puddle Jumper, back to school while my family tracked down an extra set of keys. With her Arkansas license plates, I was free to weave in and out of traffic on I-29, with other drivers shaking their heads, calling me an "Arkie."

Later that evening, I finally reached the Maryville city limits, my home away from home. I was driving down Main Street when someone turned in front of me onto Seventh Street. I slammed on my brakes, killing 'Lil Blue Puddle Jumper's engine and missing the crunch of metal on metal by inches.

After I recovered from my near fatal heart attack, I drove to *The Missourian* office and got ready for another week at Northwest, which could not possibly compare with my holiday weekend in Nebraska.

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YOUR VIEW

Do you think binge drinking is a problem at Northwest?



"Binge drinking is going to happen on a college campus no matter how educated the students are about the effects of drinking. I just hope people drink wisely and are careful."

Tiffany Trokey
Child and family
studies major



"Momma always said, if you can't do it right, don't do it at all. Beer is the nectar of the gods."

Justin Mahoney
Business management major



"Yes, with the people we occasionally deal with, it seems to be a slight problem."

Matt Blome
Maryville Public
Safety officer



"Maryville Public Safety is making way too much money off binge drinkers to stop it if there is a problem."

Shannon Mahoney
Maryville resident



"I don't think it's any bigger of a problem than it's ever been."

Tina Coffelt
Coordinator of
Student
Employment

CORRECTIONS

In the April 12 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, the story "Campaign to raise funds for projects," incorrectly said 5 million dollars were to be used for the new football stadium. The money will be used for renovations to the current stadium.

In the April 12 issue of *The Northwest Missourian*, the story "Students take advantage of weed's activities," incorrectly spelled Megan Allbaugh's name.

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OUR VIEW

For lease

Vacant Wal-Mart building could create opportunity for business, commerce in Maryville

The Maryville Wal-Mart Supercenter turns one year old Thursday while the old Wal-Mart building remains unoccupied and devoid of any type of business.

Wal-Mart had been a part of Maryville in its former location since 1985, but when business relocated to the new Supercenter building last April, nothing conspired in the old building. Surely that wasn't the plan.

With traffic poking along Main Street at 35 mph, neither passenger nor driver can miss the familiar structure. The site has become a barren land in the midst of a town on the brink of shining with economic luster. Old businesses have been replaced with new, and the amount of new businesses has been an asset to the community.

Someone out there must have a dream for the building, so why hasn't it, too, been transformed into a place of employment and service?

Although store manager Lonnie Scheffe was unavailable for comment, the Chamber of Commerce said there have not been any developments on the building's lease within the past year. The building, owned by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., is 60,948 square feet, not to mention the size of the parking lot.

Rumors have whispered familiar store names such as Hasting's and Lowe's and businesses such as skating rinks. However, *The Missourian* contacted both the Supercenter and the corporate headquarters and came up with nothing about the future plans of the building.

Maryville residents and the Chamber of Commerce should take action and lure a business onto the property. The competition of another business will enhance the community economy and propel Highway 71 travelers onward, especially after road construction is finished.

MY VIEW

Graduating senior says goodbye, thanks friends



DAVE RUZICKA
HORTICULTURE MAJOR

Well it's finally here, GRADUATION! Doesn't seem like it should be here already but it is and I'm glad. My name is Dave Ruzicka and I'm Horticulture major, Biology minor. I thought I would take this opportunity to say goodbye to my fellow students, faculty, and administrators who have touched my life over the past four years.

Arriving from High Ridge, Mo., I didn't know one person that went to school here. Besides coming in a blizzard (literally) never having seen the campus or even Northwest Missouri at all, I felt a little lost. However, I was ready for a change and a true college experience. I transferred in from a community college where I still lived at home and had the same grocery store job as in high school, but I thought to myself, what a change this would be. In the middle of nowhere, fields of beautiful corn and soybean, and a hint of cow manure lofting in the air on a warm summer's day. Of course I am not going to knock the school like I am the Stroller or something, but I thought it was funny to describe to my friends back home what it was like at Maryville.

Personally I would rather deal with country folk any day over city folk (obviously just the rude ones) but Northwest is just like a home away from home. I never once felt excluded, looked upon, or lost. Making friends never seemed to be an issue for me.

Northwest has given me so many opportunities in life that I can't even think of them all right now. Many of my accomplishments at NWMSU started after joining my fraternity (DSF). This is where I probably lost some readers because I'm Greek but I don't think that is fair. I have tons of friends at Northwest that are not Greek and I'm proud of that fact. I am proud to be Greek and I would never change a thing about it. I would like to thank the Greek community for giving me so many opportunities and molding me into what I am today. I never thought in a million years that I would be a fraternity man and now after graduation I will be working for the National Headquarters of my fraternity.

Besides my Greek experience, I have had the opportunity to be involved in many clubs and organizations that Northwest has to offer (which is over 150!). I learned to really appreciate all the hard work that goes into planning and making a smooth transition for freshman and transfer students as a SOAR leader. It was a great feeling to know that I played a role in helping a total stranger get acquainted and feel more comfortable about a new place they will live for the next four years.

I received the same experience as a Peer Advisor and Student Ambassador.

Why do I name all the things I have done? Because so many students here don't take the chances or the opportunity to get as much out of their college experiences as others. I truly believe there is something here for everybody and that you shouldn't just sit in your residence hall room, with the door closed, and expect your resume and college fun just to appear.

I want to thank *The Missourian* for giving me this opportunity to say thank you to ALL my friends. Thank you Northwest for my college experience and good luck to everybody on your journey to graduation. I will miss you all.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stroller leaves student reader wanting more

I am amazed at the lack of letters to the editor this trimester, at least in comparison to last fall, in regard to the Stroller. Perhaps one reason is the fact that the Stroller has spent more time defining his role than actually challenging fellow students and embracing controversial issues. Frankly, I'm tired of hearing about the evil supremacy of Wal-Mart, as well as other petty issues that require the critical thinking skills of a small child. From a layman's perspective, you have two responsibilities: make me laugh and make me think about things differently. You have successfully completed neither. If all you're going to do is waste our time by writing whimsical observations and hasty generalizations, then step aside and let a real man get the job done.

JUSTIN BURTON
BROADCASTING MAJOR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We want to hear your views on this issue and others. Call *The Missourian* Backtalk line at 562-1980. E-mail your letter to the editor to northwestmissourian@hotmail.com or send it by mail to:

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Heilig-Meyers closes

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

After five years of business, Heilig-Meyers furniture store in Maryville will be closing its doors later this summer.

Heilig-Meyers, based in Richmond, Va., announced last week its plans to close all 375 stores nationwide. In August, the company filed for bankruptcy and had already closed more than 400 of its 814 stores.

Heilig-Meyers plans to begin going-out-of-business sales by the end of the month and the local store anticipates closing by late summer.

"In the past year and a half I have been very proud of the way the store has come along," store manager Fred Williams said. "We've gone through a lot of changes."

Company officials said closing the Heilig-Meyers stores will help them pay off creditors and focus on their RoomStore operations. The

company's 54 RoomStores are concentrated in metropolitan markets in Texas, Maryland and Washington, D.C., and generate annual revenue of about \$300 million. Since filing for bankruptcy, 16 traditional Heilig-Meyers stores have been converted to RoomStores.

Heilig-Meyers is just one of several businesses that have closed in Maryville this year.

Although many businesses in Maryville have closed, new businesses have also opened and relocated in town.

"We have been able to retain our businesses," Colleen Hastings, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said. "We are still seeing an influx of new businesses independently owned and part of a chain. Many are independently owned, which is a unique aspect in our community."

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Balloons to support child abuse awareness

By ANN HARMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

While most children do not worry about the consequences of child abuse, fifth-graders at St. Gregory's will set loose 30 balloons with anti-child abuse messages Thursday.

Along with other fifth-graders in Maryville, students at St. Gregory's have been preparing for the launch by thinking of messages to hide inside the balloons.

John Seipel, a fifth-grader at St. Gregory's, came up with this message: "Stop child abuse. St. Gregory's won't stand for child

abuse."

Seipel said that along with the messages, the school's address has been included in case someone wants to reply.

"It's pretty cool to launch balloons that could travel anywhere," Seipel said. "I hope it will be successful."

This is the first year students have taken part in a balloon launch and teachers are supportive.

"A lot of students are fortunate to come from healthy homes," said Chelli Green, a fifth-grade teacher at St. Gregory's. "This is an eye-opener that there is a problem with

child abuse that we can work together on."

Division of Family Services, which will sponsor the city-wide launch, will give a short presentation at 2:30 p.m. and then the balloons will be launched.

"We're trying to spread the word and take a stand that child abuse is not acceptable," Green said. "I think it's going to have a positive effect."

Students in Maryville will release a total of 90 balloons with messages in each to spread the word about child abuse.

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Maryville has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation for the third year.

Maryville is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in the areas of continuing education and new projects. The Growth Award was created to recognize environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA.

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Applicants for city job reviewed

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

A search committee is progressing with its goal to fill the city manager position.

Assessing the 27 candidates who applied for the position, the committee narrowed the choice to eight.

The City Council met with the committee Monday and gave them the go-ahead to deal with the eight applicants, city clerk Jo Gill said.

The committee has looked at such things as each applicant's experience in municipal government, connections with state and local government in the past, personnel records, management style, years of experience and the size and type of town each candidate has worked with, search committee member Betty Bush said.

The search has turned up no definite conclusions at this point, however, and the committee has asked the Council for assistance in looking at additional qualifications for the candidates, Bush said.

"We are in a holding pattern right now," Bush said. "We have refined our search, but it is wide open."

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PUBLIC SAFETY**April 7**

■ Fire units responded to a structure fire in the 1000 block of Forest. Upon arrival, the fire was being brought under control by the home owner. The fire was extinguished with damages contained to the vinyl siding and the chip board sheeting.

■ Kelly J. Stiens, 16, Maryville, and Rodney D. Murphy, Maryville, were traveling east on Highway 136. Murphy was attempting to turn into a private drive. Stiens struck Murphy. Murphy was transported by emergency medical services to St. Francis Hospital. Stiens was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by striking another vehicle in the rear.

April 9

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted by a male individual in the 800 block of South Main.

April 10

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had taken miscellaneous CDs and the face plate to a CD player from his vehicle in the 1100 block of North College Drive.

April 11

■ Heather S. Caselman, 21, Maryville, was attempting to pull from an alley onto North Walnut. Erin L. McMillip, 21, Maryville, was backing from a private drive onto North Walnut. Caselman struck McMillip.

■ An officer assisted with probation and parole in serving a warrant on Christopher R. Bougher, 18, Maryville, for probation violation. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 1600 block of South Main that a male individual had left without paying for a DVD player.

■ An officer received a report of an assault in the 800 block of East First. Upon arrival, Christopher D. Fineran, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for domestic assault.

April 12

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant on Jay Keen, 28, Richmond, for failure to appear. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

■ Sarah R. Masters, 20, Raytown, was pulling out of a private parking lot, attempting to turn left. Brian K. Jewell, 20, Maryville, was traveling south in the 300 block of North Munn. Jewell struck Masters. Jewell was issued a citation for failure to yield to oncoming traffic.

April 13

■ Sarah E. Huffer, 22, Maryville, and Brett P. Mutzbauer, 20, Springfield, Ill., were headed northbound on 500 South Main. Huffer failed to break and struck Mutzbauer in the rear.

April 14

■ While on patrol on East Seventh, an officer observed a vehicle with expired Missouri registration. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of East Seventh. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kimberly E. Chitwood, 23, Maryville.

A check through Missouri Department of Revenue showed her driving status as revoked. She was issued citations for driving while revoked and failure to maintain financial responsibility. The vehicle was towed by Walker's.

■ Darla S. Amlong, 37, Maryville,

and Howard A. Acklin, 41, Graham, were eastbound on East First. Acklin was making a right turn into a private drive. Amlong struck Acklin.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had broken the glass portion of the door at her residence in the 200 block of West Cooper.

■ Officers received a report of a loud party in the 400 block of West Fourth. Upon arrival, Travis E. Rice, 19, Blue Springs, Andrew J. Elwell, 19, Independence, and David L. Fast, 19, Maryville, were issued summonses for minor in possession.

■ While on patrol in the 600 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle pull out in front of him. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Thompson. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kirby L. Miles, 33, Skidmore. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was arrested for driving while intoxicated after refusing to submit to a blood alcohol content test. He was also issued a citation for failure to yield to right of way from a private drive.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had entered her house, in the 700 block of East Second, taking an unknown amount of money. Jimmie Potter, 18, Maryville, and Jonathan Davis, 17, Maryville, were arrested for burglary. Both are currently being held at Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

■ Officers received a report of a group of individuals damaging cars

in the 500 block of West Fourth. Michael V. Reilly, 21, Maryville, Daniel J. Musich, 20, Bedford, Iowa, and Joseph J. Mullin, 21, Maryville, were issued summonses for permitting a peace disturbance.

April 16

■ Catherine A. Peter, 40, Maryville, was stopped in traffic waiting to make a left hand turn into a private drive. Christopher D. Conner, 19, Maryville, turned onto East First, striking Peter. Conner was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving by striking another vehicle.

April 17

■ Justin Brand's, Maryville, vehicle was parked in the 600 block of West Third when it rolled into Mark Trokey's, Lee Summit, parked vehicle.

BIRTHS**John Bryan Dredge**

John and Shawna Dredge, Maryville, are the parents of John Bryan, born April 4 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and joins one brother, Justine, and two sisters, Jaylene and Jaqueline.

His maternal parents are Fred and Karen Giesken, Maryville, and Mike and Nikki Poppa, Mound City.

His paternal grandparents are Richard and Lavughn Dredge, Maryville.

Dakoda Edward Damgar

Eric and Shama Damgar, Maryville, are the parents of Dakoda Edward, born March 30 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and joins one sister, Caitlyn.

His maternal grandparents are Terri Thompson and James Protzman, Conception.

His paternal grandparents are James and Eileen Carroll, Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and joins one brother, Jace.

His maternal grandparents are Jack and Beccy Baldwin, Hopkins.

His paternal grandparents are Carey and Joy Stroburg, Blockton, Iowa.

Makayla Marie Cross

Corey and Libby Cross, Hopkins, are the parents of Makayla Marie, born April 13 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Gerald and Madaline Luckert, Maryville.

Her paternal grandparents are Edward and Kristina Cross, Hopkins.

DEATHS**John Dean Cordell**

John Dean Cordell, 71, Maryville, died April 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 3, 1929, to Ray and Leona Cordell in Pines Bluff, Wyo.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Cordell; four sons, Drexal, Steven, Errol and John; one daughter, Lora; seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were April 17 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

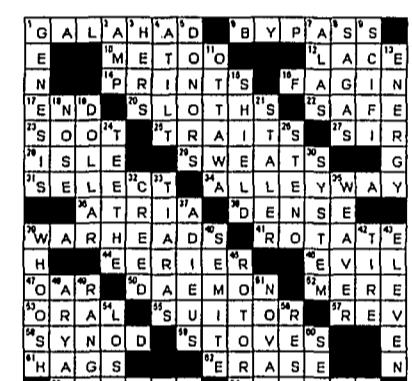
Arthur Charles Francis Gilbert

Dr. Arthur Charles Francis Gilbert, 72, Silver Springs, Md., died April 10 at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md.

He was born Feb. 8, 1929, to Arthur and Rose Anne Gilbert in New York, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou.

Services are April 20 at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Maryville.

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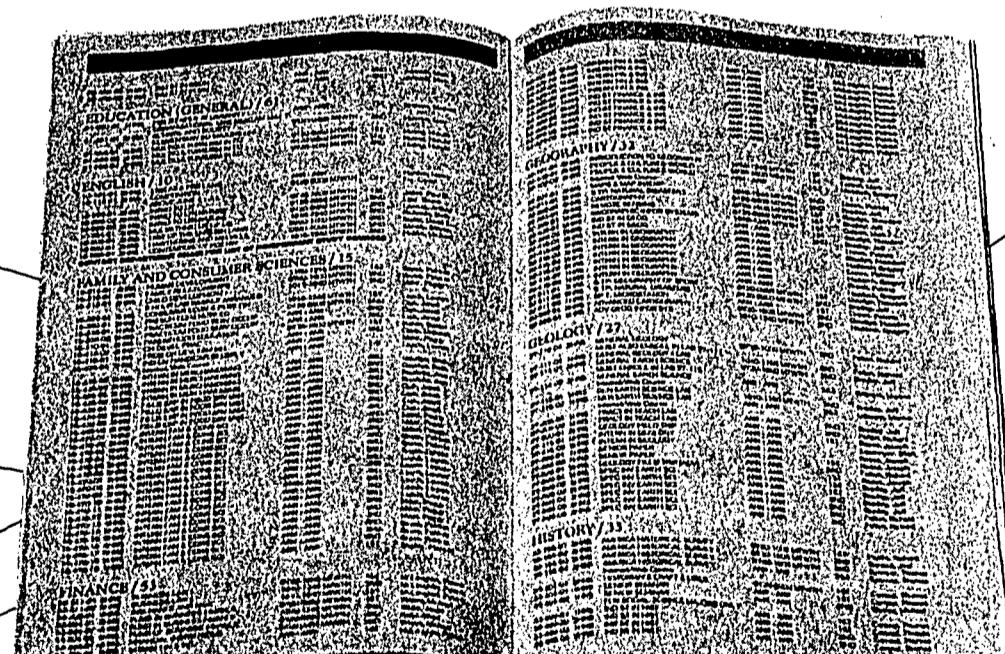
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Academy reflects on first year

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

As its inaugural year draws to a close, the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing is narrowing its search for a new set of first-year students.

The Academy opened for the fall 2000 trimester with 41 students, dubbed "pathfinders." Thirty-four of the students returned to the Academy for the spring 2001 trimester, and will be eligible to come back to the Academy in the fall to begin a second and final year, barring each student keeps grades from falling below 2.0.

As the "pathfinders" exit the first-year program, Academy officials are looking to bring in a class of "pacesetters" to follow in their footsteps.

The Academy must finalize selections by June 1, two months earlier than last year's deadline.

"The more time we give people to get used to the transition, the better," said Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the Academy.

The number of applicants reached 143 this year, one student short of doubling last year's enrollment. From this pool of applicants, Pinizzotto said the Academy plans to interview 85 and accept 65 into the program.

The applicants come from areas across the state and the overall makeup of the potential students is different from that of the students the Academy interviewed last year, Pinizzotto said.

"We think next year's class will probably be, on average, slightly higher academically," Pinizzotto said. "We have an overall more diverse group, I would say, as well."

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Seniors of Jefferson High School took part in a video conference given by the Missouri Distance Learning Association. Other schools took part in the virtual field trip.

Five retirees honored at reception

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest honored its six retiring instructors Tuesday afternoon with a reception in the Student Union Ballroom.

The first honoree was Ed Farquhar, professor of chemistry/physics. Farquhar has taught for 37 years, the longest term of service among the honorees.

Retired Northwest professor Harlan Higginbotham presented Farquhar, emphasizing his dedication to Northwest.

Farquhar thanked the University for making him want to dedicate his time to one job for nearly 40 years.

"I feel like the luckiest man alive," Farquhar said.

Retired professor Pat Wynne presented David Smith, professor of biological science. Wynne called Smith "honest," "objective," "just" and "compassionate."

Smith has spent 35 years at

Northwest and developed attachments to many aspects of his job.

"There's been so many people that have done so much for me — students especially," Smith said. "It's just been amazing, and it's gone so fast."

Retired professor Virgil Albertini presented Jim Redd. Redd served Northwest 34 years, coaching football and acting as athletic director.

Through his positions at Northwest, Redd said he gained important general knowledge.

"I've learned that just one person can make a difference in life, and I've learned to trust and believe in people," Redd said.

Health, physical education, recreation and dance instructor Gina Scott introduced Sandi Mull, assistant HPERD professor. Mull has spent 32 years at Northwest and has mixed feelings about retirement.

"There will be some positives, such as the extra time I'll have available,

but then also I'll miss my students and colleagues and the satisfaction I get from them," Mull said.

Agriculture professor George Gille presented Johanne Fairchild, recognizing her 23 years of service.

Fairchild said she will miss regular interaction with students.

"I will miss student contact, being able to help a student or to help a student better understand something," Fairchild said.

The final honoree was Nancy Thomson, associate professor of computer science/information systems. Retired professor Bob Bohlken presented Thomson, stressing her work ethic.

"Nancy is a true professional who doesn't mix her meat with her potatoes," Bohlken said.

Thomson said she will miss being part of the learning process.

"The thing about being a teacher is seeing students learn and get excited about learning," Thomson said.

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The second activity is a developmental workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Howard Major, a senior partner with Distance Learning Dynamics, will present information on the technology involved and how to apply it.

Powers believed that teaching people how to use and apply distance learning technology is important. Since Northwest has been involved in distance learning, 1996, at

least seven faculty members have begun to teach distance learning classes as well as their regular classes.

Northwest is part of the Northwest Missouri Education Consortium, a group of educational institutions that send and receive distance learning classes. These sites include Bethany, Brookfield, Carrollton, Chillicothe, Missouri Western State College and North Central Missouri College.

"The students that are out there in Brookfield and Bethany love this because they don't have to commute to Maryville," Powers said. "A lot of them work all day, and they don't have time to drive two hours to take a class here. So they love it because we bring the class to them."

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Week dedicated to learning

By JACLYN MAUCK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For one week, experts will show students, teachers and Maryville residents how to create a classroom situation and promote conversation between teachers and students separated by hundreds of miles.

By sending and receiving both video and audio messages, law students at Northwest are able to talk with a judge in Washington D.C.

"What would it have taken for us to bring her here, fly her in, put her overnight?" said Deb Powers, assistant director for the Northwest Missouri Educational Consortium.

Distance Learning Week, which began Sunday and ends Saturday, is used to promote and publicize this type of learning environment.

"Basically it's a constant process of bringing awareness to people that this does exist and that we are

doing it," Powers said.

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David Smith, professor of biological science, and former Northwest President Robert Foster share a laugh after Smith and four other retiring instructors were honored Tuesday. Smith has spent 35 years at Northwest and will be heading to the Caribbean to work at veterinary school following his retirement.

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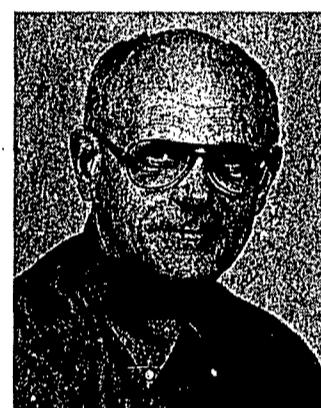
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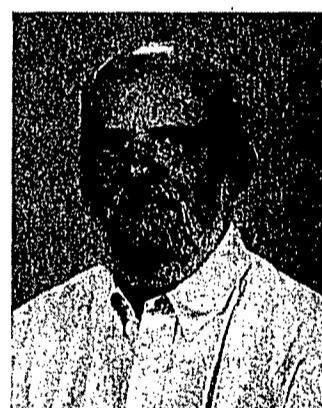
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Campus, community work to address binge drinking

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

The subject of alcohol consumption among college students is gaining attention as results of college alcohol studies are evaluated.

In March, the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study surveyed more than 14,000 students at 140 four-year colleges to examine binge drinking and other high-risk alcohol behaviors.

According to the study, dry campuses experience a lower rate of the secondhand effects of binge drinking. Students on these campuses are less likely to experience injury, unwanted sexual advances and other harmful situations.

CORE, a nationally normed alcohol and drug survey, was taken by Northwest's lifetime wellness students in February 2000 and again in 2001. Despite University alcohol policies and the fact that Northwest has been labeled a dry campus, the survey shows binge drinking occurs.

The CORE survey will help Northwest evaluate its alcohol poli-

cies, said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and sponsor of Chemical Abuse Resource and Education. C.A.R.E., a peer education group, and a task force comprised of student organizations, Northwest departments and Maryville residents, meet monthly to plan and discuss terms of addressing substance abuse issues such as binge drinking.

"We are clearly concerned about alcohol abuse on campus and are trying to address it in proactive ways as well as having to deal with it in reactive ways," Cowles said.

CORE defined binge drinking as consuming five or more alcoholic drinks in one sitting.

Former C.A.R.E. President Lon Nuss said the organization was disappointed with the results of the survey, but members recognize that for college students, drinking is often a matter of many social factors.

Last year's CORE results showed about 50 percent of those surveyed had driven drunk, but only 1 percent received a DUI.

"We're very concerned about binge drinking and even more so about how it leads to drinking and driving," Nuss said.

C.A.R.E. met Wednesday night to discuss ways to cut down those statistics, said Shawn Ades, C.A.R.E. vice president. Members plan to create a program called Cheers, which will work to provide designated drivers for students who choose to drink.

Of the 332 Lifetime Wellness students who took the survey this year, 70 percent were freshmen. Jim Johnson, coordinator of Lifetime Wellness, said if upper classmen had taken the survey, or if the freshmen were to take the survey in their junior and senior years, the results would be different.

"I think eventually the message is going to get through," Johnson said. "I think students come to our campus with values, and eventually that influence from the past will show itself."

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Where do students use alcohol?

Never use	16%
On-campus events	5%
Residence Halls	36%
Frat/Sorority	27%
Bar/restaurant	47%
Where you live	43%
In a car	22%
Private parties	69%

How often did students binge drink in a two-week period?

None	45%
Once	20%
Twice	13%
3-5 times	17%
6-9 times	5%
10 or more	0%

2001 CORE survey results



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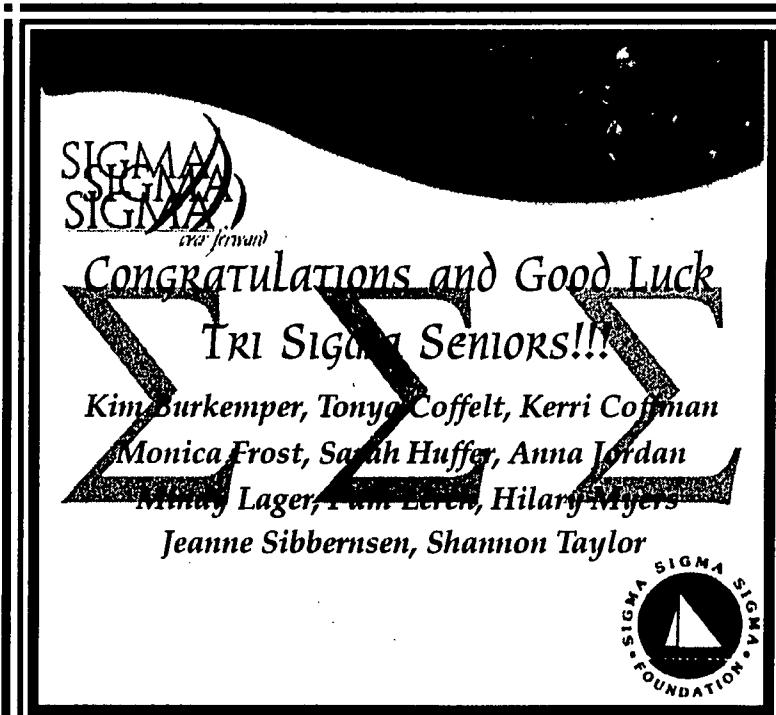
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NFL draft could call Miles' name

By BILL KNUST

UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

Two years ago former Northwest quarterback Chris Greisen was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL draft. This year another Northwest player could hear his name called during the draft this weekend.

Two-time All-American wide receiver Tony Miles has a good chance of being signed to an NFL team, Northwest head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

When looking at the numbers, Miles statistics at Northwest the past four years have set many new records for the team.

During his career he has amassed 3,079 yards receiving, 30 receiving touchdowns, 1,302 punt return yards and four punt returns for touchdowns.

The setback Miles faces is his height. He stands at only 5'9", not a typical size for receivers in the NFL.

Miles was unavailable for comment, but Tjeerdsma said despite the height concerns Miles' abilities are comparable to that of the St. Louis Rams receiving corps.

"When he gets in the open field he is dangerous," Tjeerdsma said. "The Rams' receivers are like that too. He is not quite as fast as those receivers, but he has a tremendous knack of knowing where everyone is at on the field. He sees 360 degrees around himself."

Those instincts helped Miles lead his team to back-to-back national championships in 1998 and 1999. Miles established his name on the national scale in '98 with a dominating postseason performance.

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Northwest baseball

Sluggers struggle in conference as MIAA season comes to end

By JUSTIN BUSH

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Falling behind. The Northwest baseball team is losing ground in the quest for the MIAA conference tournament championship.

After losing four out of their last five conference games in the last week, playoff hopes are starting to look grim for the 'Cats.

The 'Cats were out hit and out pitched by the Washburn University Ichabods Tuesday.

Junior Dan Sutherland got the start for Northwest in game one. Sutherland gave up 11 runs on eight hits in the 13-5 loss to the Ichabods.

Things did not look any better for the 'Cats in the start of game two.

The Ichabods went up 10-0 before the 'Cats were finally able to score in the bottom of the forth when junior Ryan Ellis drove in senior Adam Bailey from second base.

Heading into the bottom of the seventh the 'Cats were trailing 15-5.

The 'Cats refused to quit, however, Northwest reached base seven times off of four hits, an error and a fielder's choice.

Sophomore John Snipes hit his second two-run home run of the day. The 'Cats were unsuccessful though, dropping the game 15-8.

"We are swinging the bats well at times," head coach Darin Loe said. "We are driving in runs. We scored eight runs. If we score eight runs we should win. We just are not doing the things pitching wise or defensive wise to keep us in ball games."

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In four games he racked up 25 catches for 326 yards and five touchdowns. In the regular season he had 60 receptions for 980 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Tjeerdsma said when there was a big game Miles was at his best.

"Tony has the ability to rise to the occasion," Tjeerdsma said. "He could not be intimidated, and if he was he wouldn't show you. The bigger the game the bigger the performance you get from him."

With the big question still two days away from being answered, Tjeerdsma was not worried about Miles' chances of finding a team to play on.

"In my mind, there is no doubt he is going to be signed. Whether he gets drafted or is signed as a free agent I don't know. If he doesn't get drafted, he'll have many opportunities to sign as a free agent as soon as the draft ends."

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NORTHWEST FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

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Northwest's success over the past five years and Greisen being drafted has helped make Miles known to scouts, Tjeerdsma said.

"Playing in two national championship games on ESPN in front of a national audience helped get his name out there," Tjeerdsma said. "The fact that Chris was drafted also helps him too, because of the Northwest name."

Tjeerdsma said Miles has the potential to do well at an NFL camp.

"Once he gets into the camp it is going to be up to him," Tjeerdsma said. "He has proven he can handle these challenges. If he wants to do it he can."

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MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO
Northwest receiver Tony Miles will have his future in the NFL decided this weekend. Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said Miles' chances of being signed to an NFL team are good. Miles is Northwest's all-time leader in touchdown receptions with 30.

Northwest track and field

Thrower's performance tops weekend

By MISSOURIAN STAFF

With one of the bigger meets of the year for his stage, freshman shot putter Conrad Woolsey captured the spot-light with a school record in the shot put.

Woolsey highlighted the Bearcats' performance Saturday at the Division II Challenge at Emporia State University.

Woolsey took first place and set a school record in the shot put during Saturday's meet. His toss of 58-feet, one-half inch was more than one foot better than the previous record set by his brother.

It was the fourth time this year that he has broken the school record in the shot put.

Woolsey's throw grabbed him the MIAA Field Athlete of the Week. The throw also surpassed the automatic qualifying standard for nationals by more than a foot in winning the event.

The only other event winner for Northwest was freshman Devin McCall. He took the 10,000-meter run in a time of 33:35.26.

Other top finishers for the men included junior Matt Fisher, who was second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.11 seconds.

Senior Matt Abele took a pair of third-place finishes. He was third in the 200-meter dash in a time of 21.40 seconds and in the long jump with a leap of 23-feet, 11 3/4 inches.

Freshman Clint Prange was third in the discus with a toss of 162-feet, 10-inches.

On the women's side, a senior and sophomore recorded Northwest's best finishes.

Senior Jill Stanley and sophomore Jenny Simmons had big days. Stanley had two of the Bearcats' top finishes.

Stanley was fourth in the javelin with a toss of 129-feet, 8-inches. She also tied for fifth in the high jump, clearing 5-feet, 3 3/4 inches.

Simmons took fifth in the pole vault, clearing a height of 10-feet, 5 1/2 inches.

The Bearcats will be back in action again Saturday at the Doane Relays in Crete, Neb.

TOP PERFORMERS

MEN

- First Place ■ Conrad Woolsey, shot put 58-feet, one-half inch
- Devin McCall, 10,000-meter run 33:35.26

WOMEN

- Fourth Place ■ Jill Stanley, javelin 129-feet, eight-inches
- Fifth Place ■ Jenny Simmons, pole vault 10-feet, 5 1/2 inches



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Sophomore third baseman John Sipes tries to tag out a Washburn runner as he steals third base. The player was safe and Washburn swept a doubleheader Tuesday from the 'Cats. The 'Cats won game one 13-5 and game two 15-8.

Northwest away. Senior pitcher Joe Russel took the loss to drop his record to 4-4. Junior first baseman Zac Ruff had a home run in the loss.

The first game of Saturday's doubleheader was a successful one for the Bearcats.

They hit three home runs, including a grand slam by Sipes to hammer Pitt State 12-1.

Freshman catcher Brad Potter who had not had a hit this season, hit two home runs in the win for Northwest.

Junior Brian Boley picked up the win for the Bearcats allowing only one run in his third complete game of the year.

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MIAA STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Central Missouri	15	1
Missouri Southern	14	6
Washburn	10	6
Emporia State	11	7
Missouri-Rolla	9	9
Missouri Western	8	10
Northwest	8	10
Pitt State	7	11
Truman State	6	10
Southwest Baptist	0	18

NORTHWEST LEADERS

Batting average	.389
Doubles	16
Triples	2
Home runs	7
Zac Ruff	34
Runs batted in	34

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Northwest softball

Bearcats drop two games to Western in doubleheader

By SCOTT NIELSON

MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest softball team swept a pair of conference doubleheaders over the weekend before dropping two games to Missouri Western State College Tuesday the games brought Northwest's record to 16-18 overall and 9-6 in the MIAA.

"We're capable of putting together a good run over the next couple weeks," head coach Pam Knox said. "We're learning what it takes to play well."

The Bearcats will have a week off before resuming action on Tuesday at home against Washburn University, and then they will close out the season with a pair of tournaments, the Central Missouri State University Tourney and the MIAA postseason tournament.

The lighter schedule is a welcome sign for Knox's team.

"We're pretty tired and banged up after last week, plus we have finals next week, so they'll have Saturday and Sunday off," Knox said.

The Bearcats traveled to St. Joseph and dropped a pair of games to Missouri Western Tuesday. The losses snapped a season best five-game winning streak for the Bearcats.

In the first game, the Griffons blew a 1-1 ballgame open with two runs in the fifth inning and four runs in the sixth.

Freshman third baseman Kriston Manthe led the way on offense going 3-for-3 with the only RBI of the game for the Bearcats.

Junior pitcher Alison Adkins suffered the loss, although she struck out three and allowed two earned runs.

The offense was quiet in the second game as Manthe again had the only RBI in the contest for the Bearcats. Freshman pitcher Morgan McGinnis struck out four, but lost the pitcher's duel 2-1.

The Bearcats traveled to Bolivar Saturday for two games against the conference's other team of Bearcats, Southwest Baptist University.

Northwest built an early 3-0 lead after two innings in the first game off of an RBI double by senior second baseman Lindy Tomlinson and a pair of unearned runs.

Southwest Baptist eventually took a 4-3 lead into the sixth inning, before freshman left fielder Angie McCoy led off the inning with a solo home run to tie the score. The Bearcats added on three more runs in the inning.

Southwest Baptist managed only one run in their last at-bat as Northwest claimed a 7-5 victory. This game combined appearances by all three Bearcat pitchers, Adkins, McGinnis and junior Jessica Rupiper, with McGinnis picking up the victory.

Golfers take win



PHOTO BY KIM CAMPBELL/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville golfer Javan Spire drops his putt in Tuesday's dual with Savannah. Maryville golfer Dusty Winslow took home medalist honors with a 37 at Mozingo Lake.

Maryville girls' soccer**'Hounds whitewashed by St. Teresa's Stars**

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

This week is full of Kansas City competition for the Maryville girls' soccer team.

The 'Hounds (5-5-1) face Kansas City's Lincoln Prep Friday looking for their second win against the Tigers. Maryville shut out Lincoln Prep 5-0 April 3 and will kick-off at 4 p.m. Friday in Maryville.

St. Teresa's of Kansas City got the best of Maryville Tuesday night with a 10-1 drubbing of the 'Hounds. Head coach Gregg Winslow said St. Teresa's talented soccer team and his own team's intimidation led to the lopsided score.

Junior Leah Taylor scored Maryville's lone goal on a penalty kick.

While games like this can be a negative experience, assistant coach Danielle Saunders said the young team can benefit from the competition.

"I think the girls saw today where they can improve and what they can strive to be like," Saunders said.

The 'Hounds played Kansas City's northland neighbor Smithville Thursday looking for revenge, but they could not top the Warriors as the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Smithville beat Maryville 4-3 in the Central Tournament earlier this season.

"We played decently, but I'm disappointed that it ended in a tie," Winslow said.

The 'Hounds scored first, but Smithville came back and scored a goal right before halftime to tie the game at 1-1. The second half went scoreless, and Maryville cleared out a last second corner kick by Smithville that sent the game into overtime.

Sophomore goalie Abby Jelavich credited the defense on its solid effort.

"Our defense was really on top of its game," Jelavich said.

With neither defense letting down, the game ended in a 1-1 tie after two overtimes. Winslow said his team had chances to score but



PHOTO BY AMANDA SANDERSON/
CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spoofhound junior Leah Taylor works on her ball handling skills during Wednesday afternoon's team workout. The team is currently 5-5-1.

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GREGG WINSLOW
MARYVILLE HEAD SOCCER COACH

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"We basically controlled most of the tempo of the game," Winslow said. "We just didn't put anything in the net other than that one ball."

The 'Hounds have one more regular-season chance to top the Warriors Monday at Smithville.

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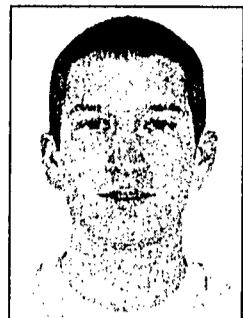
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ON THE SIDELINES

Coaches reflect on Redd era



BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

After being a backbone of Bearcat athletics as a student-athlete, coach and administrator spanning over the past five decades, athletic director Jim Redd is taking part in his last days as quarterback of Northwest's athletic department.

The football and basketball player of the 1960's took the job as athletic director in 1993. In just his first week behind the desk, he had a big coaching position to fill.

Many would now argue it could be the best professional decision he ever made. Just a week into the job, Redd hired a man by the name of Mel Tjeersdma to take over the Northwest football program. Tjeersdma went winless in his first season at the helm, but soon turned his team into the national powerhouse and Division II dynasty we know today.

Five conference crowns and two national championships later, Tjeersdma gives thanks for getting the call to serve.

"First of all I'll always be grateful to him for giving me the opportunity to come here and coach in this program," Tjeersdma said. "He's been an ideal athletic director for me to work for."

Redd has shown his dedication to all. Be it a male or female team, a program that pours thousands of dollars into the department a year or teams that are always in the red, Redd has kept coaches, student-athletes, Northwest and the Maryville community at the forefront of his work.

"The thing I respect about him the most is he always keeps the whole picture in perspective," Tjeersdma said. "Anything we're going to do as far as the football program is concerned, how does that impact everything as far as athletes, the school and the community are concerned? I've learned a lot from him in that respect."

Women's basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer is grateful for the Northwest nod as well.

"He had the faith to take a 50-year-old male coach and put him in a female position and trust him to build a program," Steinmeyer said.

Building has begun for the Northwest women. After a 4-22 first year campaign, Steinmeyer's team improved to 12-15 during the 2000-2001 season, and a promising future looms in the balance.

"He's been very supportive," Steinmeyer said. "Any administrator that will pat you on the back and say 'hang in there' when you're 4-22 you have to appreciate."

Redd has worked hard to hire coaches that are nothing but the best, and gives them room and time to determine their own destiny. The men's coaches have a combined 61 years at Northwest, while the women mentors have 38 years of dedication to Northwest excellence.

"I think that Dr. Redd is the type of administrator that is going to hire the type of person that he'd like to hire and then trust that person to get the job done," Steinmeyer said.

Get the job done they have. In Redd's tenure as athletic director, Northwest teams have garnered 20 MIAA Championships and captured the 97-98 MIAA All-Sports Trophy.

Redd has worked diligently to help Northwest programs in every way possible.

"Since Dr. Redd has been here our budget has more than doubled," said Sarah Pelster, head volleyball coach. "That's made a big difference on how competitive we are in the conference and helps us tremendously. We're definitely going to miss Dr. Redd and his support in the future."

Redd has made a commitment to top-notch facilities. He was instrumental in the construction of the Northwest softball field and soccer pitch and led improvements to Rickenbrode Stadium, Lamkin Activity Center and the Bearcat Baseball field.

Redd takes pride in the wins and championships, but just as important have been the battles won in the classroom.

"One of the most important things that certainly makes me proud has been the academic success of the student athletes," Redd said during his Oct. 31 press conference announcing his retirement. "We've had the last several years combined accumulated grade point average right at 3.0, and that's something that really dictates our student athletes."

His presence in the offices of Lamkin and Martinadale gymnasiums, at the fields and gymnasiums of Northwest and around the county will be missed. Not only as an administrator, but also as a friend and supporter.

"I'll miss him," Tjeersdma. "Not only has he been good as far as the person that I report to, but as a good friend," Tjeersdma said. "He has a tremendous interest in football. He likes to come in and talk about games and recruiting and all those kinds of things, and I'll miss that."

The Northwest pride may not bleed deeper than that from this longtime Bearcat.

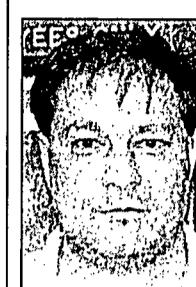
"He's been here for 30 some years," Tjeersdma said. "There is nothing he cares for more than Northwest Missouri State University."

In a time where all too often athletic administrators think in terms of wins and budgets, Redd has shown his personal side in caring for the love of the game and program.

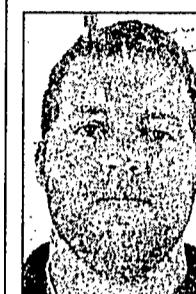
"I'll miss just his genuine interest in everything, and especially you as a person," Tjeersdma said. "He has a personal interest in everybody and cares about people as people."

Yes, the doctor will be missed, but his legacy for love and devotion to Northwest athletic excellence will long live on. Thanks for helping to make, and being a part of the memories.

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"When the Bearcats men's basketball team beat Florida Southern, who was ranked No. 1." Craig Reynolds, Maryville resident



"The men's basketball team going to the Sweet 16 and the whole football season." Justin Tyler, Corporate recreation and wellness major

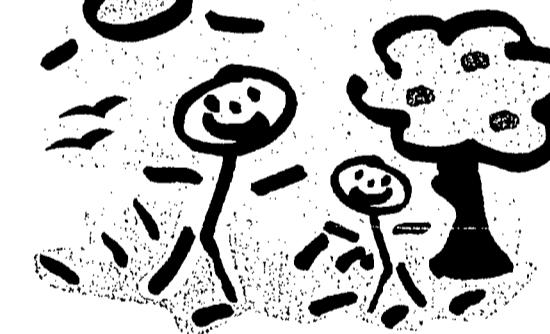


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"Beating Missouri Western's butt in both football and basketball." Al Turner, Maryville resident

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SPORTS IN SHORT**Northwest basketball signs first recruit of 2001-'02**

Northwest Missouri State University head men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer has announced the signing of Jesse Shaw (Lincoln, Neb.) to a national letter-of-intent. Shaw, a 6-foot, 4-inch guard, led Lincoln East High School to the Nebraska Class A State Championship last season.

He averaged 16.4 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Shaw was

named second-team Super State, first-team All-Class A and also earned all-district and all-conference honors for the Spartans last season.

"We're just very excited to have signed Jesse Shaw," Tappmeyer said. "He brings a lot of the things we look for in a basketball player. He is one of the better freshmen we've ever signed at Northwest. He will have a chance to compete for playing time right away. He comes from a winning program and brings a lot of the intangibles we like. He's an excellent basketball player and we're very happy to have him as a Bearcat."

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Northwest Softball					Missouri Western 3 p.m.		
Northwest Track & Field			Doane Relays Crete, Neb.				
Northwest Tennis			MHSAA Championship Opeka, Kan.				
Maryville Baseball			Pony Express Tournament St. Joseph				
Maryville Track & Field			NWMSU Quad State 9 a.m.		LeBlond 4:30 p.m.		
Maryville Boys' Golf			Cameron Tourney 8:30 p.m.		Restaurant Leavenworth 4 p.m.		
Maryville Girls' Soccer			Lincoln Prep 4 p.m.		Maryville Tourney 8:30 p.m.		
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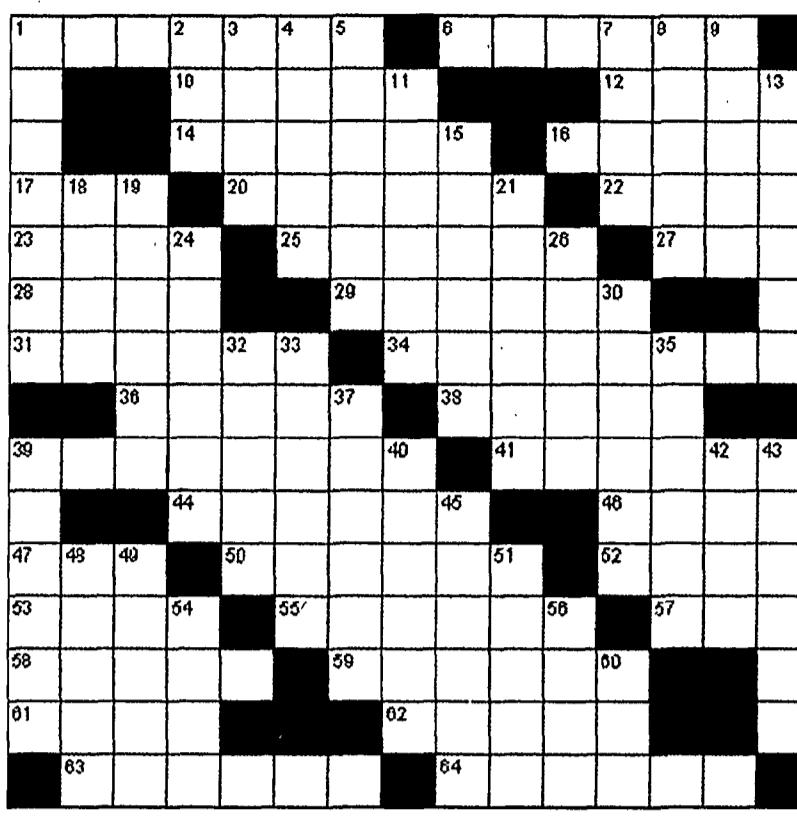
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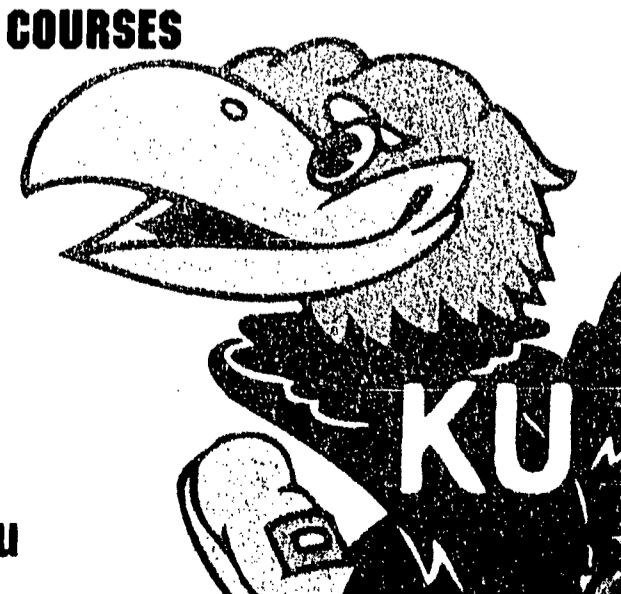
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The Northwest Missourian

Year in Review

Thursday, April 19, 2001

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Political campaigns were in full swing and the air was dripping with the usual Midwestern humidity as Northwest students began gathering their books and walking to class in August. Strolling across campus we had no idea what the 2000-2001 school year would hold for us.

We would suffer the tragic deaths of a governor and a fellow student. We would celebrate a Homecoming parade with a twist and the opening of a polling site on campus in time for the historic presidential elections.

Maryville would find its residents pitted against each other in a debate over trash municipalization and say good-bye to its city manager, its school superintendent and its high school football coach.

Northwest would see three of its own leave as the University provost, the associate provost and the athletic director announced their resignations.

Little did we know that ecstasy would find its way into the small confines of our rural Missouri town or that the harsh snow of winter would close campus for one of only a handful of times in Northwest history.

Our sports teams saw disappointment as the football team lost in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs, and we celebrated when the men's basketball team won its first-ever national tournament game, advancing within one game of the Elite Eight.

The editors of *The Missourian* have chosen the top stories of the year, stories that affected both students on campus and residents in Maryville. Some even affected the nation.

The past year has seen Maryville residents and Northwest students through tragedies, celebrations, surprises and disappointments.

Now, as the year comes to a close, spring is taking its time to get here and finals are just a few days away. As the past year has shown us, no one can tell what will happen, but through it all, Northwest and Maryville have proven they can withstand the...



MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO
The 2000 Homecoming King and Queen, Matthew Hackett and Carissa Cureton, ride in the back of a convertible during the parade. A PT Cruiser created a stir and sent Public Safety officers chasing it when the car drove through the parade at a high rate of speed, injuring one woman.



Left: Provost Tim Gilmour will leave Northwest in May to take a job as president of Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Gilmour has been with Northwest for five years.



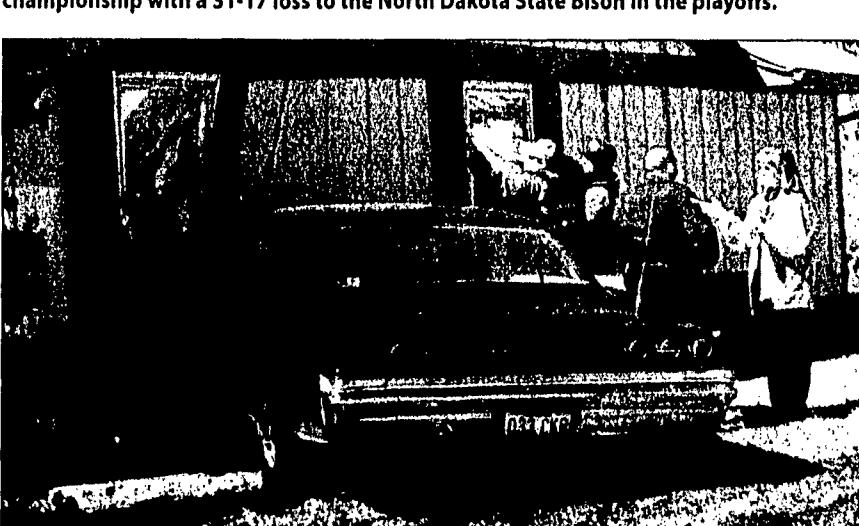
Below: Athletic Director Jim Redd announced his retirement to coaches, family and players during a press conference Oct. 31. Redd is a 1966 graduate of Northwest and served as the school's head football coach from 1976 to 1982.



MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO
Members of the Maryville Fire Division work to put out a fire at the Nodaway Valley Bank construction site Dec. 4. Tarps at the site caught fire when torches were being used by construction workers.



MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO
Quarterback Travis Miles celebrates with wide receiver Ryan George after a 35-28 comeback win over the Pittsburg State Gorillas. The Bearcats fell in their bid for a third straight national championship with a 31-17 loss to the North Dakota State Bison in the playoffs.



MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO
Maryville Public Safety officers and neighbors survey damage to the house of Blanche Arms, 85, at 603 W. Torrance St. after a car driven by Timmy Henson, 47, left the road and struck the north side of the house. No one was injured inside the house, but furniture was damaged.



MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO
Former Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan debated at the historic Gem Theater in Kansas City, Mo., one day before the Cessna 335 plane he was traveling in crashed 25 miles south of St. Louis. He was on his way to a campaign fund-raiser later in the evening.



Guard Joe Price saves the ball from going out of bounds during the Bearcats' 62-60 win over Northeastern State Oklahoma in a Division II South Central Regional game. Northwest finished the season 25-6, its best since 1932. Head coach Steve Tappmeyer was named South Central Regional Coach of the Year.

MISSOURIAN FILE PHOTO

Challenge of Change

As the school year ends, we take a look back at the highlights, the letdowns, the surprises and the tragedies. Together, we have grown, survived, learned

Missouri Academy of Science, mathematics and computing marks first year at Northwest

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Ecstasy invades town, Public Safety begins investigation of incidents

An incident Sept. 17 involving gamma hydroxybutyrate resulted in two Northwest students being taken to the hospital. The pair had a reaction to GHB, a liquid drug with effects similar to Ecstasy.

Ecstasy comes in the forms of pills, often stamped with popular brands, such as the Nike swoosh or Mitsubishi. Users create their own subculture by developing new lingo and fashion. Getting high is called "rolling" and a glowstick sometimes means the person holding it can get Ecstasy.

Since the drug comes in pill form, people think it is safer than other drugs that are injected or smoked, according to the Partnership for a Drug-free America. Hailed by users as the "safe drug," Ecstasy has inspired many websites such as www.ecstasy.org, praising its effects. What these websites do not mention are the long-term effects, which include brain damage, loss of memory and a lowering of IQ after long-term use.

Users often suck on pacifiers or lollipops to battle involuntary jaw-clenching, a short-term effect. They also drink large amounts of water to fight the dehydration and overheating associated with Ecstasy. Despite the idea of a hang-over-free high, the drug causes its users to fall into a deep depression the day after use.

PT Cruiser tears through parade route, injures one

Maryville Public Safety arrested the driver of a Chrysler PT Cruiser that tore through the Homecoming parade Oct. 21, injuring one woman.

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Officers at the scene estimated the vehicle was going as fast as 50-60 mph. Witnesses said the PT Cruiser came within about five feet of hitting the Northwest cheerleaders and the Bearcat marching band.

Gunshot fired during AKL party, man arrested

A Kansas City, Mo., man was jailed following an incident at the Alpha Kappa Lambda Bid Day party Sept. 21. Joshua D. Pehl, 18, was charged with four felony counts, two Class D weapons charges and two drug charges.

Pehl allegedly was trying to sell drugs at the event. He was asked to leave and became upset. Pehl left the house only to return and allegedly fired one gunshot from the AKL parking lot.

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Commissioner approves polling site on campus

Nodaway County Commissioner John Zimmerman issued approval to place a polling site at the Wesley Center Oct. 2 to accommodate the 650 students who were registered to vote.

Student Senate worked to motivate students to cast their ballots.

Gov. Carnahan dies in plane crash, wins election

Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan died in an airplane crash Oct. 16. Carnahan was flying from St. Louis to New Madrid for a campaign fund-raiser. Gov. Roger Wilson was officially sworn-in as the 52nd governor of Missouri after Carnahan's death was confirmed.

In the state of Missouri, Carnahan could still be left on the U.S. Senate ballot since the date of his death was close to election day. Carnahan defeated John Ashcroft in the race with 50.5 percent of the vote compared to Ashcroft's 44.4 percent, making it the first time a deceased candidate won an election into the U.S. Senate.

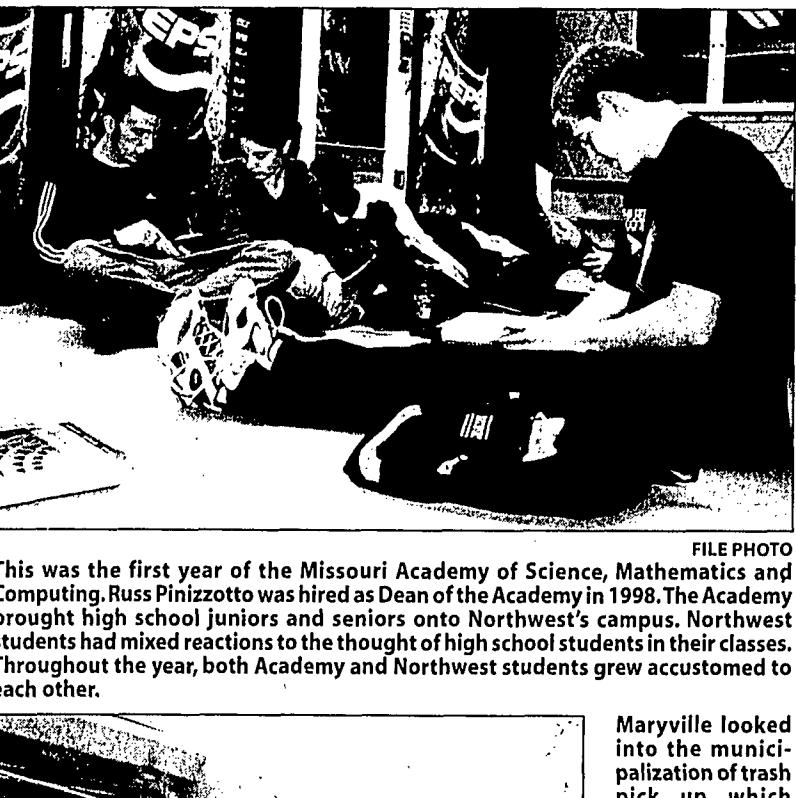
Carnahan's widow, Jean, was appointed to the Senate seat for a two-year term.

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This was the first year of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing. Russ Pinizzotto was hired as Dean of the Academy in 1998. The Academy brought high school juniors and seniors onto Northwest's campus. Northwest students had mixed reactions to the thought of high school students in their classes. Throughout the year, both Academy and Northwest students grew accustomed to each other.

ture of a busy, outgoing and funny man who made the people around him happy.

"Dad was the true definition of a leader," Kajok said.

Kajok remembers her boyfriend as a selfless person who was involved in more than just broadcasting. He also played drums for a band in Massena, Iowa, called 4th and Main, worked part-time at O'Reilly's Auto Parts and always made time for the people he cared about.

"He was a peacekeeper," Kajok said. "He cared about everyone around him and he wanted the best for everyone."

A bell ringing was held for McCurdy Feb. 2 at the Bell of '48.

Residents, business face increase in gas price

Gas prices rose 44 percent Jan. 25 when a 3-2 decision Jan. 23 by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The increase from \$6.81 to \$9.82 for one thousand cubic feet of gas, more than doubled customers' bills.

Large local consumers and businesses were the most affected by the rise in price. Increased gasoline prices had an immediate effect on consumers.

Because gas is covered in the rent for residents at Village-O and Parkway Terrace apartments, manager Joan Ray has felt numerous effects. The monthly gas bill more than doubled its normal amount.

Weather forces campus to close, area winter budgets to diminish

Icy winter weather forced Northwest to close Feb. 9. The University decided to shut down after freezing rain had fallen throughout the day, coating roads and sidewalks with ice.

The harsh winter weather dictated city and University winter supplies. Maryville did not budget for the amount of snowfall this year. The money for winter supplies comes out of the street maintenance budget, while the city has spent more on overtime for workers than in past years. As a result, less money for extra projects may not be available this summer.

The University used 12 1/2 tons of ice melt this past winter, which is more than a two-year supply. The ice storm that took place Feb. 14 had the University using four tons of ice melt. The crew had to cover the campus sidewalks, with ice melt four times that day and in some places employees had to cover many more times because the melt disintegrated and it kept raining.

City Manager resigns, prepares for change

After six years serving rural Missouri government, Maryville City Manager David Angerer announced his intent to resign Jan. 26.

Angerer accepted a position of municipal management consultant with the University of Tennessee. He will be working with the Institute of Public Service, which provides a link between government and business. As a municipal management consultant, Angerer will be assigned a number of cities to work with in a particular region.

Municipalization on hold, bids to be re-examined

Municipalization of trash services came to the forefront during February and March City Council meetings.

Under the proposed municipalization, the city would contract one trash hauler to pick up all trash from residences and businesses.

The city said trash municipalization is needed to support the landfill.

Bids from eight haulers were taken and approved by the City Council March 12.

Local haulers became upset and considered filing a lawsuit against the city, citing violation of the Commerce Clause to the U.S. Constitution.

After extensive review of how municipalization would affect commercial businesses, all bids accepted by the Council were put on hold. The city will be looking for new alternatives.

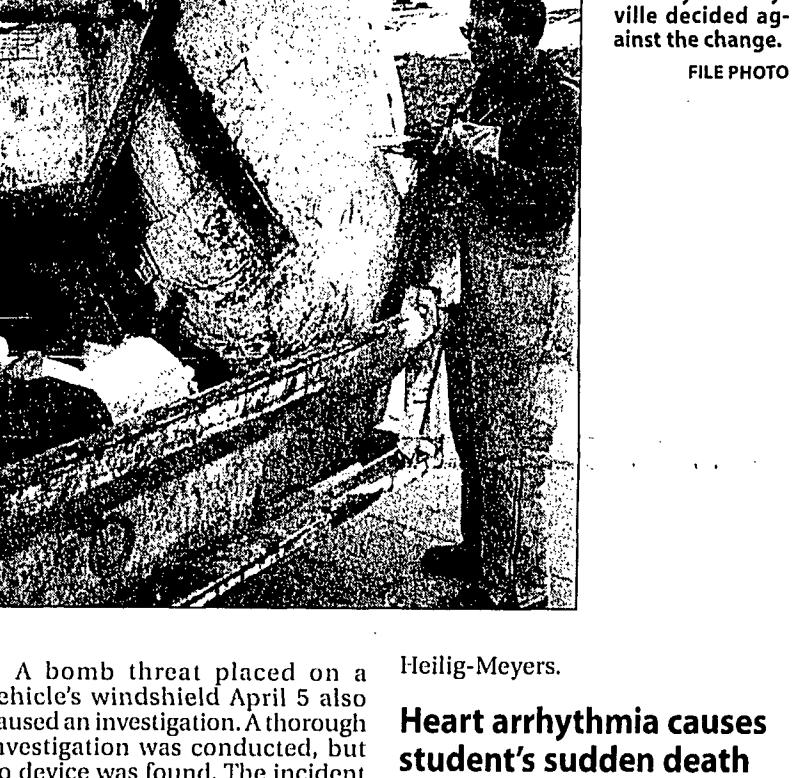
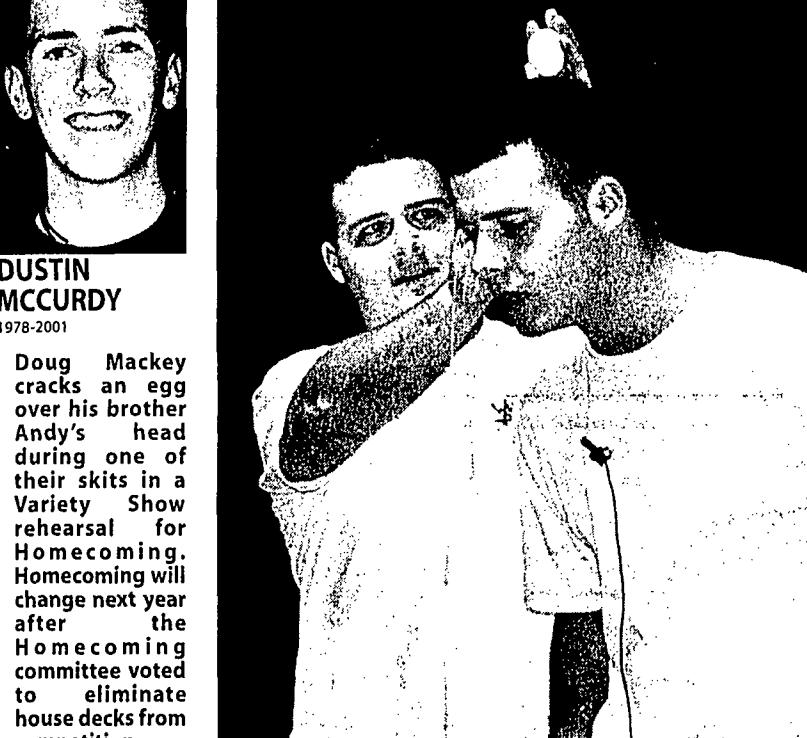
Robert Boerigter was announced to faculty, coaches and players as the newly hired director of athletics in a press conference Dec. 6. Boerigter came from Hastings College in Nebraska where he served as chair of physical education, a professor of physical education and director of athletics.

"Footloose," which sold out in just nine days, entertained a full house at Maryming Arts Center Oct. 25. The musical was based on the hit movie starring Kevin Bacon.

Maryville looked into the municipalization of trash pick up which threatened Randy Mozing and a three-generation history of sanitation. After weeks of turmoil the city of Maryville decided against the change.

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Taylor Barnes, Dean of Arts and Sciences, was announced the successor to Tim Gilmore as Northwest's provost during the Board of Regent's meeting March 28. He is set to take over new position May 1.

The School District announced its intent to replace Bell with Reese from Marceline. Reese began work at his new position May 1.

Reese was offered the superintendent job the night of his second interview and accepted the position Feb. 17. Reese will be coming into a district much larger than Marceline.

Maryville is just about twice the size," Reese said. "Both in student population and certified staff."

Currently, every hall has one or two smoking floors except Phillips and South.

Policy responses received totaled 144, with 29 directly objecting to the policy and 91 fully supported it.

The policy will go into effect next fall.

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The building, which will give the parts of the burning tarp falling

Authorities investigate bomb threats on courthouse, resident's vehicle

Area law enforcement agencies investigated a potentially hazardous situation at the Nodaway County Courthouse Jan. 13.

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White performed during the annual Fire and Drag Show in March. Common and the Residence Hall Association sponsored the event as a fund-raiser for Quality.

A bomb threat placed on a vehicle's windshield April 5 also caused an investigation. Although investigation was conducted, no device was found. The incident is still being investigated.

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Grocery store, businesses close throughout year

After eight years of business, Food-4-Less in Maryville closed Jan. 13. Many other businesses closed their doors this year, including Stuart's, ASAP Texaco, Zell Fischer Attorney at Law and Dick's.

Food-4-Less was charged with a class D felony for making a false bomb report in connection to the incident.

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Heart arrhythmia causes student's sudden death

Dustin McCurdy, a 22-year-old broadcasting student, died Jan. 23 from a viral infection which caused a cardiac arrhythmia, or stoppage of the heart.

Eighty-five people gathered Jan. 30 to remember McCurdy at a memorial service in the Student Union Ballroom. The service included his parents, roommates and girlfriend, Kim Kajok, sharing memories of McCurdy.

Words like energetic, caring,

fun-loving and successful were mentioned throughout the service amid tearful farewells and emotional stories.

Story after story painted a pic-

Five vacant seats on City Council and School Board filled

April 3 Bomb threat found on vehicle, area evacuated

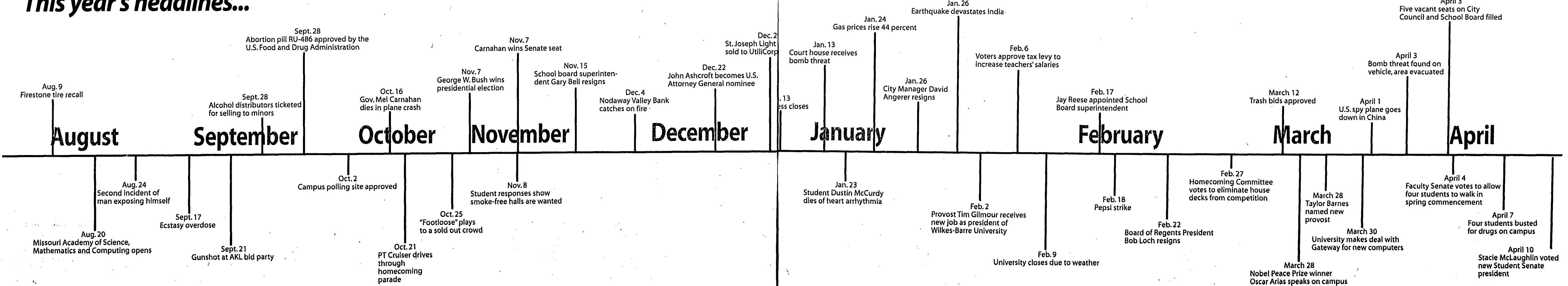
April 1 U.S. spy plane goes down in China

April 4 Faculty Senate votes to allow four students to walk in spring commencement

April 7 Four students busted for drugs on campus

April 10 Stacie McLaughlin voted new Student Senate president

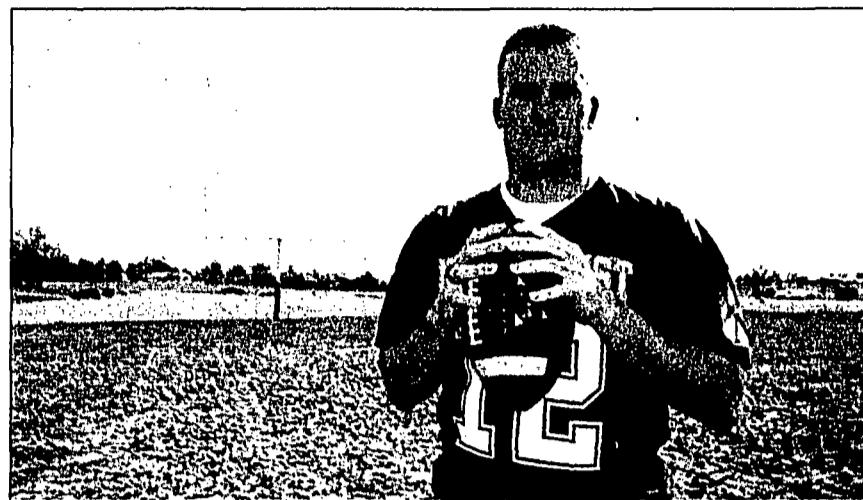
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YEAR IN REVIEW

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

**Travis Miles**

Work ethic typifies quarterback

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

Confidence, preparation and statistics made quarterback Travis Miles an easy choice for the 2001 Northwest Missourian Male Athlete of the Year.

Miles became a more confident leader for the Bearcats.

"The start of the 1999 season was really tough for him because he hadn't played much in the previous two years," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "As the year went on he became more confident, but in 2000 he really developed into a confident quarterback. The offense believed in him."

In 2000 he was named first team All-MIAA quarterback, racking up 2,723 yards passing and 25 touchdowns to go along with a completion percentage of 62.5.

With those big numbers Miles' biggest strength was his preparation be-

fore each game, Tjeerdsma said.

"He spent extra time every week watching film with Coach (Jim) Svoboda," Tjeerdsma said. "He was totally prepared each week. He was confident and he knew everything the defense was going to throw at him."

His quick release was also an asset, and he developed the ability to see the entire field, Tjeerdsma said.

"I do what I can do," Miles said. "I don't try and force things and do what I can't. I stay within the offense."

Miles' ability to stay within the offense made the team better and more confident.

"He gave the players a lot of confidence, because they knew with him out there they could get the job done," Tjeerdsma said. "Even if he struggled in the first half, he would come back and play well in the second half. Everyone believed he could do it."

Amanda Winter

Attitude key in team's turnaround

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

A new attitude helped junior guard Amanda Winter lead her team to new heights this season, and will pave the squad's road toward a promising 2001-'02 season.

Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer took the helm of the program following that season and heard rumors that Winter had an attitude. She did, but for his sake, a good attitude that improved her game and is now working to lead his team to greatness.

"From the day I stepped on campus and saw her for the first time until I take a look at Amanda today, I don't think any athlete has come that far," Steinmeyer said.

Winter led the team in scoring this season averaging 13.5 points a contest. A 36 percent shooter from three-point land, Winter made 53-of-145 shots this season. She led the team with a 72 percent free throw shooting mark.

"Amanda used to be our best three-point shooter and that was it," Steinmeyer said. "Now she's an excellent three-point shooter, our best defensive player and one of our best ball handlers."

The conference has also taken notice of Winter and her skills.

"Every time we play Northwest we make sure our best defender is guarding Amanda," said Dave Slifer, head coach at Missouri Western State College. "She is a threat to us not only outside, but a threat to take it to the hole."

Winter has worked hard in the weight room, in the classroom and has been instrumental in landing top recruits for the program.



"If she's not our hardest working kid, she's at least tied for hardest working player, and she's changed herself into a competitive player," Steinmeyer said.

She has a love for the game of basketball and devotion to Northwest.

"This has been the best opportunity for me, and I'm enjoying every minute of it," Winter said. "There is no place I'd rather play than Northwest, and I'm glad I can finish out my career here."

Winter left little doubt after the season that she and the team are on a mission for a great ending to her career.

"People were patting us on backs from going to four wins to 12-15," Steinmeyer said. "Amanda stood up and said 'you can't be satisfied with 12-15.' She told her team, she told the coaching staff, she told everybody that's not the way it's going to be."

Northwest 35, Pittsburg State 28 Sept. 16, 2000

All-MIAA first team quarterback Travis Miles leads the 'Cats football team back to defeat Pittsburg State on a touchdown pass to Chris George with 12 seconds to go. The victory extends Northwest's win streak to 17 games.

Northwest 62, Northeastern State (Okla.) 60 March 9, 2001

When a last-second shot fell short for Northeastern the 'Cats men's basketball program had its first NCAA Division II tournament win ever. Northwest was led by senior forward Floyd Farrow's 19 points. Sophomore guard Scott Fleming chipped in 13 points for the victory.

Northwest 68, Truman State 56 Jan. 17, 2001

Going on the road to Kirksville and having a 27-game conference losing streak hanging over its heads, the Bearcats women's basketball team ended their string of defeats with a victory over the Lady Bulldogs. Amanda Winter's 24 points led the 'Cats in scoring.

Indoor track & field national championships March 10, 2001

Northwest sent seven athletes to Boston to compete in the indoor track and field national championships. The results were impressive as junior shot putter Tucker Woolsey placed second, sophomore pole vaulter Ryan Miller placed fourth, senior Tommy Leslie placed fifth and sophomore Kyle Keraus placed fifth in the 800-meter run.

Maryville 54, Cameron 52 Feb. 24, 2001

With the victory the 'Hounds boys basketball team captured the District 16 championship. The victory allowed Maryville to advance to sectionals. Senior guard Cody Burch's free throws with eight seconds remaining provided the winning margin for the 'Hounds.

North Dakota State 31, Northwest 17 Nov. 18, 2000

With the loss to the Bison, another of Northwest football was put into the books. After being tied 10-10 at halftime Northwest could get no closer than seven points in the second half. With the loss, Northwest lost a senior class that won two National Championships, four MIAA titles and finished its MIAA career undefeated.

Maryville 29, Savannah 14 Oct. 27, 2000

With a back-and-forth showdown at Savannah in districts that saw the 'Hounds football team pull away in the fourth quarter, the game featured sophomore quarterback Derek Garrett rushing for 144 yards on 23 carries to go with two touchdowns, and senior fullback Mitch Herring rushed for 193 yards on 15 carries with two touchdowns.

Northwest 73 Washburn 67 Feb. 21, 2001

The Northwest men's basketball team was given little chance to defeat the Ichabods because it was senior night at Washburn and they had not lost an MIAA home game in 30 tries. The Bearcats spoiled the Ichabods' fun, winning 73-67 behind junior Jerry Hudson's 24 points.

Washburn 67, Northwest 61 March 10, 2001

With a trip to the Elite Eight on the line, the Northwest men's basketball team fell short at Lee Arena for the second week in a row to the Ichabods. Trailing the entire first half, Northwest seized the lead in the early part of the second half. It was short-lived as the Ichabods continued their march to the NCAA Division II Finals.

Northwest 46, Missouri Western 29 Oct. 7, 2000

The Northwest football team never gave Western a chance. Miles went 16-for-23 passing to pile up 230 yards through the air and two touchdowns. Senior running back Dave Jansen was just as potent on the ground. Jansen rushed for 229 yards on 30 carries to go along with two touchdowns in the victory.

Missourian COACH OF THE YEAR

Steve Tappmeyer

Coach leads, molds unselfish team for success

By MARK HORNICEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

He describes himself as a melting pot of basketball philosophies.

Defensively, he takes after former University of Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett. He draws his motivational tactics from Miami Heat coach Pat Riley. And he's learned how to promote unselfishness from Duke University coach Mike Krzyzewski and former University of North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

By watching and reading about the experiences of other coaches, Northwest men's basketball coach Steve

Tappmeyer led his 2000-'01 team to one of its most successful seasons in school history.

"I think the word 'chemistry' is so big in basketball," Tappmeyer said. "Sometimes it happens by luck, but sometimes you can increase your chances of it happening, and the way you increase your chances of it happening is you just try to get really good people in the program."

Tappmeyer was not only successful in helping to create a team atmosphere, the players were also close off the court.

"When you're together that long

there's always going to be times where you get irritated, but it was really a family type atmosphere that if somebody did get mad at somebody in practice it didn't linger," Tappmeyer said. "It was more like brothers out there on the floor. They let stuff go."

Still, with all of the attention and awards Tappmeyer has received for the team's success, he was quick to give credit to his staff and players.

"With Coach of the Year awards, those should be the ultimate team award because that's what it's really saying," Tappmeyer said.

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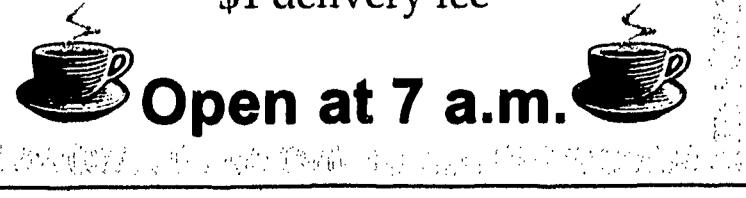
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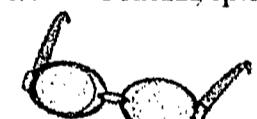
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